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Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section
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DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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**Appeal Number: 06A-UI-04609-MT
OC: 03/26/06 R: 02
Claimant: Appellant (2)**

This Decision Shall Become Final, unless within fifteen (15) days from the date below, you or any interested party appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by submitting either a signed letter or a signed written Notice of Appeal, directly to the **Employment Appeal Board, 4th Floor—Lucas Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319**.

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1. The name, address and social security number of the claimant.
2. A reference to the decision from which the appeal is taken.
3. That an appeal from such decision is being made and such appeal is signed.
4. The grounds upon which such appeal is based.

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.5-1 – Voluntary Quit

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant filed an appeal from a decision of a representative dated April 19, 2006, reference 02, which held claimant ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits. After due notice, a telephone conference hearing was scheduled for and held on May 16, 2006. Claimant participated. Employer participated by Carol Vanarnam, Human Resources and Payroll. Exhibit One was admitted into evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having heard the testimony and considered all of the evidence in the record, finds: Claimant last worked for employer on February 5, 2006. Claimant quit for a

number of personal reasons and because his work hours were cut. Claimant worked part time at about 30 hours per week. Claimant was moved to second shift with his hours cut to 15 hours per week. The cut in hours was precipitated by business needs.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The issue in this matter is whether claimant quit for good cause attributable to employer. The administrative law judge holds that the evidence has established that claimant voluntarily quit for good cause attributable to employer when claimant terminated the employment relationship because of a reduction in work hours. This is a significant change in the contract of hire. Claimant had significantly greater work hours prior to the change initiated by employer. This is a separation for cause attributable to employer. The other reasons cited by claimant for the quit are generally considered dissatisfaction with the work environment. These other reasons are not cause attributable to employer. However it takes only one reason for a quit to allow benefits. Benefits allowed.

Iowa Code section 96.5-1 provides:

An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

1. Voluntary quitting. If the individual has left work voluntarily without good cause attributable to the individual's employer, if so found by the department.

871 IAC 24.26(1) provides:

Voluntary quit with good cause attributable to the employer and separations not considered to be voluntary quits. The following are reasons for a claimant leaving employment with good cause attributable to the employer:

- (1) A change in the contract of hire. An employer's willful breach of contract of hire shall not be a disqualifiable issue. This would include any change that would jeopardize the worker's safety, health or morals. The change of contract of hire must be substantial in nature and could involve changes in working hours, shifts, remuneration, location of employment, drastic modification in type of work, etc. Minor changes in a worker's routine on the job would not constitute a change of contract of hire.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated April 19, 2006, reference 02, is reversed. Unemployment insurance benefits are allowed, provided claimant is otherwise eligible.

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